

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3014 - HB 3374

March 6, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to implement an outreach program to educate and inform low-income and TennCare-eligible Tennesseans regarding the availability of and access to discounted prescription drug programs. The program is to assist individuals to apply for such programs, to establish a toll-free number to provide information, create a web site, and make presentations to groups. The department is to report to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly on the success of the program and recommendations for changes to the program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

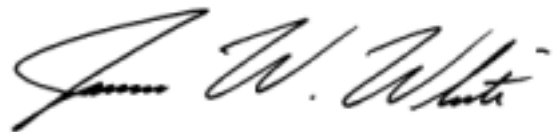
**Increase State Expenditures - \$753,900 - Recurring
\$93,000 - One-Time**

Assumes a need for 25 additional positions and related expenses in the Department of Health to provide assistance to clients in completing applications, provide public presentations, staff a toll-free phone line, and monitor program achievements.

There are currently 1.3 million TennCare enrollees that would be eligible for program assistance.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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